

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation**

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <b>Freeman Courier</b>		2. DATE OF FILING <b>9/26/02</b>	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <b>Weekly</b>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <b>52</b>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <b>34.90</b>	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <b>PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950</b>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) <b>PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950</b>			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <b>Tim L Walther</b>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">FULL NAME</p> <p><b>Tim L Walther</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS</p> <p><b>PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029</b></p> </div> </div>			
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.) <b>Merchants State Bank</b>			
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE	
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	<b>1954</b>	<b>1925</b>	
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION			
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	<b>162</b>	<b>159</b>	
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	<b>1729</b>	<b>1728</b>	
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	<b>1891</b>	<b>1887</b>	
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION			
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	<b>1918</b>	<b>1915</b>	
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED			
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	
2. Return from News Agents	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)	<b>1954</b>	<b>1925</b>	
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 40%;"> <p>I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.</p> </div> <div style="width: 55%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tim L Walther, publisher</b></p> </div> </div>			

State of South Dakota )

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County of **Hutchinson** )

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Sworn to before me this **26<sup>th</sup>** day of

**September**, 20 **02**

**Trisha Wight**  
Notary Public

My commission expires **Oct. 9, 2006**